

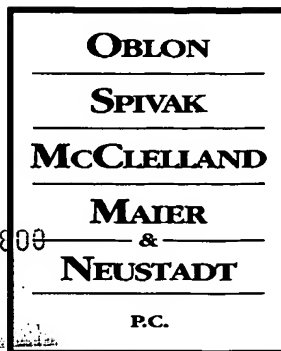


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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/053,542  
Applicants: Ken AMEMIYA, et al.  
Filing Date: January 24, 2002  
For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND CLEANING  
DEVICE THEREFOR  
Group Art Unit: 2852  
Examiner: Ngo, H.

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

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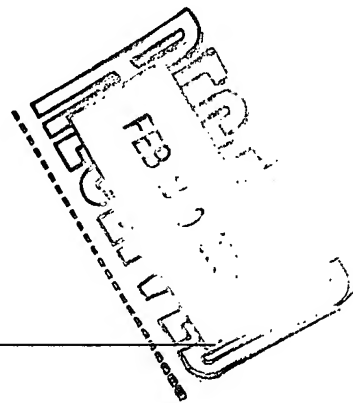
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In response to the Office Action dated October 28, 2003, favorable reconsideration of the above-identified application is requested.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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